



Attorney Docket No. 19374-504 (GND-04)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Farmer
ASSIGNEE : GANEDEN BIOTECH, INC.
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/369,016
FILING DATE : August 5, 1999
FOR : METHODS FOR INCREASING THE SOLUBILITY OF ESSENTIAL VITAMINS & MINERALS IN MAMMALS USING PROBIOTIC LACTIC ACID-PRODUCING BACTERIA, SYSTEMS, AND COMPOSITIONS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed March 29, 2000, in the above-identified application. Applicant encloses herewith a Petition for a three (3)-month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and a \$435.00 check pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). With this extension, the present Amendment and Response is due on or before September 29, 2000.

Although the Applicant believes that no fees are due with the submission of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Ref. No. 19374-504; GND-4).

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification by adding the following Heading and text after the Title:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

"This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number 60/095,786, filed August 6, 1999¹⁹⁹⁸, and entitled: "METHODS FOR INCREASING FOOD AND NUTRIENT SUPPLEMENT UTILIZATION IN ANIMALS USING LACTIC ACID